INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

On June 27, 1994, Sergeants Timothy Cornell and Rickey Jennings of the Internal Affairs Bureau, along with Lieutenant Dennis Burns of the Civil Litigation Unit responded to [redacted] Ragus Street, La Puente, regarding a deputy involved shooting. The shooting occurred at the location at approximately 2000 hours and involved the death of a double murder suspect, who was later identified as Jorge Barajas. (Exhibit A).

Suspect Barajas was fatally wounded as a result of being shot by at Deputies Raye Morales, [redacted] Kenneth Wright, [redacted] and William Cassidy, [redacted] assigned to Industry Station and Deputy Kenyon Evers, [redacted] assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau, Canine Detail.

The Deputies statements and Witness [redacted] statements were obtained from tape recorded interviews with Sheriff's Homicide Detectives Bill Newman and Bob Tauson.

Witness [redacted] stated that on June 27, 1994, prior to 1930 hours, he was driving his vehicle eastbound on Amar Road near Ardilla Avenue, La Puente. He said as he approached the stop light he heard what initially sounded like firecrackers. He said he then realized they were not firecrackers and as he looked to his left he saw a male hispanic (suspect Barajas) running along the driver's side of a vehicle, which was travelling westbound on Amar Road, shooting into the vehicle.

IAB NOTE: [redacted] described Barajas as a male hispanic, 21-22 years old, wearing a white t-shirt, light colored cut off pants and unknown color tennis shoes.

Witness [redacted] said he saw at least three females in the vehicle and heard them screaming, as the suspect "pumped rounds" into the vehicle. [redacted] said he saw the suspect running northbound, with the gun in his hand after the shooting. He said he paralleled the suspect's path while driving in his car and saw the suspect jump a block wall fence into an apartment complex and run across a field in a westerly direction.

Witness [redacted] said he is familiar with the area and realized the suspect was running across a school field. He said he turned westbound and followed the suspect's path, but lost sight of him. [redacted] said he drove northbound on Puente Avenue then eastbound on an unknown street, then southbound on Mailand Street to Ragus Street.

[redacted] said he looked in a westerly direction on Ragus Street and saw the suspect, who now had something white wrapped around his right hand, sneaking along a large hedge (Exhibit B), several houses west of Mailand Street. He said the suspect was not in a full crouch, but rather indicated he was stooped down attempting to avoid detection. He said he was afraid of the suspect, so he just watched him and did not approach him.

[redacted] said he could see people on Ragus outside in their yards, including a male who was watering his front yard. He said he then turned his car around facing northbound on Mailand Street so he could follow the suspect, in the event he starting running west again. (Note: Ragus Street is a cul-de-sac west of Mailand Street, Exhibit C). He said just then he saw the helicopter and thought he would go west on Ragus, get out of his car and point at the suspect.

[redacted] said he decided not to do this, thinking the helicopter pilot might mistake him for the suspect. He explained that he was very nervous, scared and somewhat panicked at this point, as

everything was happening so fast. He said he then saw some police cars coming southbound on Mailand Street, so he got out of his vehicle and flagged them down.

Witness [redacted] said he told the deputies what he witnessed on Amar, described the suspect to them, explained that he followed the suspect to that area and told them he believed the suspect had a gun in his right hand, which he had wrapped in a white cloth. He then pointed to where he had last observed the suspect near the hedge on Ragus.

[redacted] indicated he initially spoke with two uniformed deputies, who were subsequently joined by a K-9 deputy, as well as other deputies. He indicated there was a lot of confusion, as the deputies were attempting to obtain additional information about the suspect's whereabouts from residents on the street who were pointing to where they thought the suspect was located.

[redacted] said the deputies then moved a police car west on Ragus and he saw 4 deputies and the canine hiding behind the police car, looking south toward [redacted] Ragus. He said he heard the K-9 deputy yelling commands at the suspect, telling him to get out...get up...or get down, or words to that effect. He explained he was really scared at this point, and is not sure what the deputy's commands were, other that he wanted the suspect to come out. [redacted] said the K-9 deputy yelled commands at the suspect at least 4 times and he believes the deputy also told the suspect he would let the dog go.

IAB NOTE: When asked if he thought the suspect had ample opportunity to comply with the deputies commands, [redacted] said "Yes" and added if a police officer yelled at him that way he "Would do what ever the hell they say."

[redacted] said he could not see the suspect, as his view was blocked by a hedge. He said the K-9 deputy let the dog go and then saw at least three deputies fire shots. He added that he initially believed the dog had been shot.

[redacted] indicated after the shots were fired, he moved to a position where he could see the suspect and observed him lying on the ground. He said the deputies went up to the suspect and then subsequently came back to him and asked him to view the suspect in order to determine identity. [redacted] positively identified the suspect as the one he saw shooting into the vehicle on Amar Road.

Deputy William Cassidy stated he and his partner Deputy Morales [redacted] when they monitored a 245 PC, gunshot victim "just occurred" call and a request for assistance, via radio. He said additional information indicated the suspect was running northbound from the area through the Sunkist Apartments and was running possibly northbound through the school.

Cassidy said they responded code 3 to the north side of the school, which empties out onto the dead end of Mailand and Ragus Streets. He said they pulled their vehicle into that area and set up a containment. He said he was then approached by Witness [redacted] who told him he saw the shooting on Amar, had followed the suspect and saw him hop over the wall into the Sunkist Apartments and into the school yard.

Cassidy said additional information was being provided via radio by the handling unit on the Amar shooting. He said [redacted] described the suspect as a male hispanic, approximately 21 years old, khaki or tan shorts, white t-shirt and a medium build. Cassidy said [redacted] told him he last saw the suspect running west on Ragus Street with a gun, which he believed to be a 9MM handgun,

wrapped up in a towel. He said he asked [redacted] to show him where he last saw the suspect, at which time [redacted] walked him down to a hedge one house east of [redacted] Ragus Street. (Exhibit B).

Cassidy said Morales drove their radio car down Ragus Street to his location, and advised the other units of the above information. He said the aero unit then set up containment around the area and Deputies Evers and Wright arrived at the location. Cassidy said he conversed with three males who were standing next to the hedge and asked them if they saw the suspect, to which they replied "no." He said he then told them to go back inside the house.

Cassidy said moments later, one of the males came back outside, got the attention of Evers and reported that the suspect was hiding under the boat in the driveway of [redacted] Ragus Street (Exhibit D). He said he then saw a female on the other side of [redacted] Ragus pointing frantically into the yard of [redacted] Ragus. Simultaneously, he received information from Industry desk personnel which reported the suspect was hiding by the boat.

Cassidy said Industry desk personnel then broadcast that the residents of [redacted] Ragus had called the station and reported the suspect was trying to break through the front window. Cassidy said this information made it necessary for them to move faster, as the suspect might now break into the house. He said Evers suggested he (Cassidy) drive the K-9 radio car forward, while he and the other deputies used the car as cover, in order to see if the suspect was by the boat or front window.

Cassidy said he got behind the steering wheel and told Morales to cover him. He said Morales complied and positioned himself on the driver's side of the car, while Evers, the dog and Wright were at the front of the car.

Cassidy said he slowly pulled up in front of the location, waiting for Evers to tell him to stop, while laying down to his right across the front seat of the car. He said he stopped when Evers started yelling at the suspect to come out with his hands up.

Cassidy said he felt the car was pretty much exposed (Exhibit E) and his first thought was that he was going to get shot in the butt, because he felt the car door would not stop anything. He said Evers was still yelling at the suspect, so he opened the driver's door, exited, ran around to the back of the car and came back up on the passenger's side of the car. He indicated Morales was still at the left rear corner panel of the car.

Cassidy said Evers was still yelling at the suspect, who had not come out as yet. He said the suspect finally came out, had both hands raised in the air about shoulder height and Cassidy said he could see the white towel in his right hand. He said he could clearly see something protruding from the towel and he believed it to be a gun. He said Evers continued yelling at the suspect to drop the gun and drop the towel, or he would set the dog loose. He said Evers yelled this 4 or 5 times and the suspect never complied. Cassidy added that there is no doubt in his mind that the suspect heard Evers commands.

Cassidy said the thought went through his mind that the suspect might get into the house and now they would have barricaded murder suspect. He added he already had knowledge that one of the victims from the original shooting had been killed.

Cassidy said at this point, the suspect shook his hands a couple times and stepped back into the porch area (Exhibit F). He said the suspect then came out again and appeared as though he was

about to do something, other than give up. He said Evers then yelled at the suspect again, then moments later set the dog loose.

Cassidy said as soon as Evers let the dog go, the suspect leveled the towel right at them. Cassidy said he thought the suspect was going to shoot them, and being in fear of his and their safety, he fired what he thought was two rounds (later determined to be 3 rounds) at the suspect. He said he does not know who fired first, and indicated the rounds seemed to be fired simultaneously.

Cassidy indicated the suspect fell to the ground (Exhibit F) and Evers and Wright ran up to the suspect, while another deputy, possibly Morales, handcuffed him. He said he broadcast a "998, suspect down, no deputies injured" and requested rescue. However, he said his radio was on "direct dispatch", as he had been conversing with the aero unit, so no one heard his transmission except the aero unit, who then relayed the information for him.

Cassidy said he subsequently went back to Witness [redacted] to ascertain what he saw and to conduct a field show up. He said he took [redacted] to the suspect and [redacted] positively identified the suspect as the same one he saw shooting into the car on Amar.

Deputy Raye Morales provided the same preliminary information with regard to responding to the 245 PC gunshot victim call as did Cassidy. He confirmed they drove to the north side of the school on Mailand and Ragus Streets, where they set up containment and were contacted by [redacted]

Morales confirmed that [redacted] provided them with information regarding the shooting on Amar Road, as well as a good physical description of the suspect. Morales said he in turn provided that information to the aero unit, who relayed it to ground units and widened the containment area. Morales confirmed that [redacted] walked with Cassidy to the hedge one house east of [redacted] Ragus, in order to point out the last place where he saw the suspect. He said he backed up the car to where they were standing shortly thereafter.

Morales said he believed that the suspect had continued moving from where [redacted] had last spotted him. He said aero was canvassing the area trying to locate the suspect. Morales provided virtually the same information as Cassidy with regard to the suspect's location by the boat, the information relayed by desk personnel and the eventual information regarding the suspect at the front of the house attempting entry.

Morales confirmed the incident happened so quickly that they did not have time to sit down and plan lots of strategy as to what course of action they would take. He confirmed Evers plan of using the car for cover, while moving up slowly toward the west.

Morales said he was on the driver's side providing cover for Cassidy, at Cassidy's request. He said he crouched down as the vehicle moved forward and initially used the hedge for concealment. He said once the car passed the boat, which was parked in the driveway, he was out in the open, but just continued to crouch down and cover Cassidy.

Morales said he first saw the suspect when Evers said "He's on the porch." He said Evers yelled for the suspect to put his hands up and drop the towel or the weapon. Morales said he saw the suspect step into the clear and heard Evers yell for him to come out or he would set the dog loose.

Morales said the suspect had his hands down to his sides and indicated the right hand was wrapped and it appeared to him as though the suspect was holding onto a pistol, concealed within the

wrapping. Morales said Evers' commands were definitely loud enough for the suspect to hear them, and added he saw no one else on the street which matched the suspect's description.

Morales said Evers ordered the suspect to come out 4 or 5 times, but the suspect refused. He said Evers then set the dog loose and as the dog was about half way to the suspect, he heard the suspect say "Fuck you." He said he then saw the suspect lift up his wrapped right hand and point it directly at him.

Morales said he was afraid the suspect was going to shoot him. He said he also feared for Cassidy and knew he had to cover him, because Cassidy could not defend himself. Morales said he thought he fired 4 or 5 rounds (later confirmed to be 5 rounds). He said he thinks he fired first, as he did not hear any other rounds than his go off.

Deputy Kenneth Wright stated he was assigned as the night station detective when this incident began. He said he was at the front counter of Industry Station, when he heard several units roll out of the parking lot responding code 3. He said he asked the dispatcher what the units were responding to and was informed a 245 PC had just occurred.

Wright said he began monitoring his 480 radio and heard field deputies setting up a containment for the suspect. He said he put his vest and a raid jacket on, got into a plain detective unit and headed to the location to assist in the containment.

Wright said he monitored his radio as he drove to the area of the incident, and learned that the suspect had a gun, which was wrapped in a towel or a t-shirt and was last seen running westbound on Ragus Street. He said he drove as far west as Laborne Street and noticed that the containment provided by field units was good. He said he also monitored the helicopter observer communicating with field units and he was also telling them their containment of the area was good and tight. Wright said he then responded to Ragus Street, and contacted Deputies Cassidy and Morales.

Wright said he arrived on Ragus Street just ahead of the Canine Unit, Deputy Evers and contacted Cassidy. He said he told Cassidy that he was there to assist him if needed. Wright said Cassidy and Morales were talking to witnesses, when a male came out of the house just east of [redacted] Ragus Street. Wright said the male waved him down and said "The lady next door just called, she said the guy (suspect) is by the boat."

Wright said he informed the other deputies of this information and he believes another male from the same house was also talking to Evers simultaneously. He said he believes this, because the other male told Evers he had information that the suspect was by the bushes, which were near the driveway where the boat was parked. Wright said he initially had no idea that the suspect was at [redacted] Ragus Street.

Wright said a few moments later, the same male who approached him before, came back toward him with a panicked look on his face and said "The lady just called back again and said the guy (suspect) is trying to break the window and attempting to get in through the front door." He said he relayed this information to Cassidy and it raised his concern that the suspect was going to get inside the house.

Wright said at this point, Evers "Kind of took charge" and he confirmed the plan to use the radio car as cover to spot the suspect. Wright said his thoughts were that of concern for the safety of the residents inside the house.

Wright said Cassidy got behind the wheel in the radio car and began to slowly drive forward, while Morales walked next to the driver's door covering Cassidy and while he and Evers took up positions walking on the passenger's side of the car.

Wright said as they moved forward, he saw the recessed front porch of [redacted] Ragus Street, which had bushes around it. He said he saw the suspect, who was wearing a white t-shirt and knee length pants, step out from the front porch. He said what really caught his attention was the fact the suspect had a white cloth wrapped around his right hand, which matched the description of that which he heard while enroute to the location.

Wright said Evers must have observed the suspect at the same time he did, because he heard Evers yell "Drop the t-shirt, drop it, drop it and put your hands up and come out." He said the suspect responded by raising his hands and started to come out, but then suddenly stepped back. Wright said Evers again ordered the suspect to come out and "drop it" or he would let the dog loose. He said Evers yelled this at the suspect at least 3 times and on the last time he heard Evers say "You've got about 3 seconds to drop that and come out or I am going to let the dog loose."

Wright said the suspect started to come out again, but this time he had his hands up in a boxing type stance only higher. He said the hands were up closer to his face and not straight up over his head as though he were giving up. He said at this point, Evers let the dog loose and as he did so, the suspect brought his right hand down, not to drop it to his side, but pointing it directly at him. He added the suspect rolled his shoulder up almost to his chin and appeared to he sighting down his arm.

Wright said his first thought was for Deputy Cassidy's safety, as he was seated in the radio car and due to driving, did not have his gun in hand to defend himself. He added that he also thought about his own safety, but Cassidy was paramount in his mind initially. He said he did not know until later, that Cassidy had gotten out of the car and had actually come around to the passenger's side. He indicated that based on the suspect's actions, he felt the suspect was going to shoot one of them.

Wright said another thing he noticed about the suspect, which really raised his fear level, was that he could see the suspect's face and mouth area. He said not only could he read the suspect's lips, but also heard him say "Fuck you", while he was sighting down his arm pointing at them. He added that his thought at this point was "This guy is going to cap one of us."

Wright said he does not know who fired first, but indicated he felt threatened to the point of concern for his and Cassidy's lives. He said he fired what he believed were 4 rounds (later determined to be 5 rounds). He said the other deputies seemed to be firing simultaneously and he saw the suspect "go down." He said as soon as the suspect went down, the firing stopped and he heard Evers say "Stop firing..stop shooting", although the shooting had already ceased.

Wright said he walked around the front of the car and he, Cassidy and Morales, approached the suspect. He said he could see the suspect laying on his back, with his feet toward him and his hands out to his sides. Wright said he is unsure of Evers location, but as he approached the suspect he could see his hands were clear, so he rolled the suspect over and Deputy Scott Hensel, [redacted] who arrived after the shooting, handcuffed the suspect.

Wright said he quickly checked the area around the suspect and moved the t-shirt the suspect had around his hand, just enough to see if it held the suspect's gun. He said he did not locate a gun at

the scene. He said the suspect appeared to be breathing, but it was labored and very heavy. Wright said he ordered rescue to respond to the location via radio and checked the suspect's pulse. He said the suspect still had a pulse and he yelled for someone to bring him his C.P.R. mask in case he had to give the suspect mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Wright said Witness [redacted] was subsequently brought to the location by Cassidy and upon looking at the suspect said "Yeah that's definitely him." Wright indicated that paramedics subsequently responded and took charge of the suspect.

IAB NOTE: The suspect was subsequently transported to L.C.M.C., where he was pronounced dead by Doctor Golan at 2059 hours. Additionally, per Deputy Coroner Doctor Golden, who performed the autopsy on the suspect, the cause of death was a single gunshot wound to the head.

Deputy Kenyon Evers stated he was enroute to work when he monitored a 245 PC call, subsequent containment by deputies and a request for a Canine Unit in Industry Station area. He stated he was approximately 5 minutes away from the location, so he responded. He said he contacted the aero unit who was over the scene and the observer directed him into the area, where he contacted Deputy Cassidy and Witness [redacted]

Evers said he learned that [redacted] had witnessed the shooting on Amar Road and saw the suspect running with gun in hand. Evers also learned that [redacted] lost the suspect momentarily and when he saw the suspect again, the suspect had a white towel or rag wrapped around his right hand. [redacted] told Evers that he believed the suspect was still armed and that the gun was concealed in the white cloth.

Evers said while talking with [redacted] he saw a male white exit a house directly south of him. He said the individual had a funny look on his face, like he wanted to tell Evers something. Evers said he contacted the male who informed him that a "lady" several houses west of their location saw the suspect crouching down behind a fence with a towel wrapped around his hand.

Evers said within the next 30 seconds Industry Station desk personnel received a call which confirmed this information and relayed it via radio to he and other deputies at the scene. He said several deputies copied the information and began to walk west. He said he told them to stop, because they were not sure just which house it was and he wanted to pinpoint it better.

Evers said he contacted the aero unit and relayed this information to them, asking the observer if he had a visual on the suspect. Evers said simultaneously, he observed a lady approximately 3 houses west of them standing in her front yard, pointing in a easterly direction toward the fence line. Evers said he thought the suspect was two houses west of them and due to the confusion, did not want to move forward until he was sure.

Evers said at this point, he monitored a radio transmission from the station of information received by them via 911, that the suspect was now crouched down behind a boat parked in the driveway of a house. He said a deputy at the scene looked around a hedge on the west side of them and saw a boat parked in the driveway of the house directly next to them.

Evers said upon hearing this information, they backed up and he again contacted the aero unit, described the boat and asked if they had a visual on the suspect yet. He said before he got his answer, information from another 911 call to the desk informed him that the suspect was now trying to break into the front window or door of that house.

Evers said things happened so fast he did not have the time, as he usually does during containments of suspects, to make K-9 announcements and conduct a safe systematic search. He said he was concerned the suspect would break into the house and force a barricaded hostage situation. He said he then told Cassidy to get into his K-9 car and drive forward slowly, while he and Wright used the car for cover. He said his plan was to peek around the hedge near the driveway, confirm the location and maybe see the suspect, if he was in fact hiding by the boat or at the front door of the location.

Evers said he stationed himself at the front passenger's side of the vehicle with the dog on leash and Deputy Wright directly behind him as his back-up. He said they cleared the hedge and could see down the driveway, however he did not see the suspect in the driveway or by the boat. He said as they slowly moved forward he looked by the front door and could see the lower half of someone's legs. He said he saw knee length white sox and tennis shoes and his first thought was that this person might be the resident.

Evers said he informed the other deputies of his observation and watched the feet of this person, which he said were initially pointed toward their direction. He said as they continued to move forward and get a better view of the person, the feet moved back into the corner by the front door, near some bushes. Evers said he then heard radio traffic from Industry Station advising deputy personnel that the suspect was in front of [redacted] Ragus, which was his location.

Evers said he ordered the suspect to come out into the open with his hands up and the suspect responded by moving back further into the corner in an attempt to hide. He said 10-15 seconds passed and the suspect started to come out toward them. He said the suspect was a young male hispanic, he had his hands up and his right hand was wrapped in a white cloth or towel. He said the towel came to a point at the end and looked like it contained the gun, as was earlier described to him by Witness [redacted]

Evers said he yelled at the suspect several times to drop the towel and drop the gun, or he would set the dog loose. He said the suspect just stared at them without making any comments and seemed hesitant to step out. He said the suspect stepped back toward the door of the location and as he did, Evers said he kept yelling at him to drop the towel and keep his hands up or he would set the dog loose. Evers said he yelled this at the suspect 4 or 5 times.

Evers said the suspect looked around and dropped his hands a little bit and as he did so, Evers reached down and released the latch on the leash for the dog. The suspect then took several steps back toward the front door and fearing he would break into the house and cause a barricaded hostage situation, Evers set the dog loose and ordered him to bite the suspect. He said the dog went straight for the suspect, at which time the suspect lowered his right hand and pointed directly it at the deputies. Evers responded by firing two rounds at the suspect and simultaneously, the dog set a bite on the suspect's left upper leg.

Evers said the suspect fell to the ground in a seated position, kicked twice at the dog, who held the bite, and then fell backwards landing on his back. He said as he and the other deputies approached, the suspect was not moving and he could see the towel laying away from the suspect's hands, which were now clear. Evers said he took the dog off of the bite, while other deputies took the suspect into custody.

Evers said Witness [redacted] was subsequently brought to the scene by Cassidy and confirmed the suspect was the one he saw shooting into the vehicle on Amar Road.

Several additional witnesses were contacted by patrol personnel and the following statements are taken from supplemental reports (Exhibit G).

Witness [redacted] who resides at [redacted] stated she heard the helicopter overhead and saw deputies arrive at the scene. Alma said she then exited her house and walked to her mother's house (Witness [redacted], at [redacted] said she saw the deputies move the radio car in front of [redacted] Ragus. She said the deputies had their weapons drawn and to the best of her memory, were standing behind the car. She said she heard the deputies yell out several commands such as, "Let us see your hands", "Drop it", and stated the deputies gave the suspect ample time to surrender.

[redacted] said the deputies fired several shots and then advanced toward the house. She could not provide additional information, as her view was blocked by large hedges on the east side of [redacted] Ragus Street.

Witness [redacted] stated Witness [redacted] came down to her house and they watched the incident together. She provided substantially the same information as [redacted] adding she thinks the commands given to the suspect by deputies were "Freeze", "Show us your hands", or words to that effect. She too, saw deputies fire several rounds and then advance toward the house.

Witness [redacted] who resides at [redacted] stated she was in her front yard when she saw a male hispanic, 17 or 18 years old, 5'08", 170 lbs., short hair, blue shorts, with a t-shirt wrapped around his right hand, running westbound on Ragus Street. She said the male ran into the yard at [redacted] Ragus and hid between the boat and pick-up truck. She said as the deputies arrived, she entered her house and indicated she did not watch the incident. She said she heard several gunshots, but could not provide any further information.

Witness [redacted] who resides at [redacted] stated he was in his front yard and saw the police activity in front of his house. He said the deputies asked him to go inside his house, for his safety and he complied, but stood near his front door.

[redacted] stated he heard the deputies order someone to "come out" at least 6 times. He said after these orders, he heard several gunshots, but did not see the deputies fire or hit the suspect.

Witness [redacted] who resides at [redacted] stated she heard several gunshots coming from the area of the shopping center at Amar Road and Ardilla Avenue. She said she decided to take her children into the house, fearing for their safety. She said a short time later, while standing in her front yard, she saw a male, who matched the suspect's description, crouched near a boat parked in the driveway of [redacted] Ragus. She said the male appeared to be trying to conceal himself from view.

[redacted] said she also saw deputies on Ragus Street and whistled to get their attention. She said she then began to point to where she saw the person hiding, then returned to her house.

Witness [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Ragus Street, stated he was turning on his front yard sprinklers, when he saw the suspect hiding in the hedge at the apron of his driveway. He said he told him to "get out", then went inside his house. [redacted] said from inside his house, he saw the suspect approach the front of the house. He then directed his wife, [redacted] to call 911, believing the suspect was attempting to break into the house. [redacted] then called Industry Station via 911 and

reported this information.

Deputy Robert Robinson, [redacted] assigned to Walnut Station Unit 293 PM's, was sent to assist Industry Units in searching for the suspect's weapon. In his supplemental report (Exhibit H), he stated he was searching the carport area of the Casa Moreno Apartments, located at [redacted] Sunkist Drive, La Puente, when he found a black semi-automatic 9MM handgun.

The gun was located in the left forklift sleeve of a trash dumpster, located on the north wall of the parking lot toward the east side of the complex. A small piece of cardboard was also in the sleeve, covering the weapon. (Homicide Detectives responded to the apartments, photographed and recovered the gun).

Subsequent testing of the weapon was conducted by the firearms section of the crime lab. Weapons experts test fired the weapon and compared the rounds with those obtained by the coroner during the autopsy of the two murder victims.

The conclusion of the comparison revealed that both rounds are from a 9MM weapon, which have the same general rifling and characteristics. However, the bullet fragments recovered from the victims failed to retain sufficient matching individual striations. Additionally, a comparison of casings from the scene of the murder, failed to match sufficient characteristics of the weapon test fired.

A damage assessment of the residence at [redacted] Ragus Street, which is owned by [redacted] was conducted by IAB Investigators and Lieutenant Dennis Burns. Lieutenant Burns provided the [redacted] with claim forms and explained the process to recover damages. On July 12, 1994, a check was issued to the [redacted] in the amount of $5,350.00, as payment in full for the damage sustained to their residence. (Exhibit I).